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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

It is critical to allow access to unbundled copper networks for independent internet service providers. AT&T's move to block this access is not acceptable. AT&T is absolutely the WORST provider of internet and telephone services -- unreliable and outrageously expensive -- their service is subject to continual price hikes with concomitant deep decreases in reliability and customer service. We don't need them to have a complete monopoly!!

I fought to get away from AT&T and their nefarious billing schemes and opted for a competitive independent provider, Sonic. Sonic has provided seamless service for years at a very reasonable cost. No "bait and switch" evidenced at all by Sonic as opposed to the shoddy business practices of AT&T. If broadband is curtailed at the behest of AT&T and its lobbyists, there will be no hope of a level playing field and the competitiveness and quality service that it provides.

More competition, not less, is critical to a thriving internet and telephone service to all Americans.

I am a very satisfied long time customer of Sonic, an independent internet service provider with excellent service unlike the grasping AT&T behemoth!!

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